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Letter dated 26 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, issued on 25 March 1992.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Victor A. KRYZHANIVSKIY
Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 25 March 1992 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine welcomes the results of the referendum that was held on 17 March 1992 in the Republic of South Africa.

The results were a vivid confirmation of the fact that the majority of citizens of this State support the process of reforms initiated by President Frederik de Klerk two years ago, and stand for its continuation.

The outcome of the referendum testified that the process of dismantling apartheid has acquired an irreversible character and that the citizens of the Republic of South Africa are striving to attain national reconciliation in the noble task of building up a non-racial democratic society.

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 30 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on Ethiopia, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 27 March 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Fernando REINO
Ambassador of Portugal
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement on Ethiopia issued by the European Community and its member States on 27 March 1992

The European Community and its member States have, from the beginning, supported the process of democratization in Ethiopia, which was initiated by the national conference held at Addis Ababa in July 1991. The recent signing of a revised National Indicative Programme with Ethiopia, providing for over 200 million ECU of assistance under the Lomé IV Convention, together with member States' bilateral assistance programmes, shows their readiness to support this process. But they firmly believe that the holding of elections, to be preceded by the encampment of the armed forces of the groups involved, as set out in government proclamations, is the essential next step in taking this process forward.

They have, therefore, watched with increasing anxiety over recent weeks the difficulties apparently preventing the electoral process from moving forward. They urge the parties involved to conclude rapidly their negotiations over the encampment of troops and to show an essential spirit of compromise. In this way, the process intended to lead to free and fair elections can get under way again. Any other way forward, in particular any resumption of fighting, is not in the interest of Ethiopia as a whole, or of the country's future development.

The European Community and its member States would be deeply concerned by any abandonment of the process of democratization.

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Letter dated 1 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of Palestine, to bring the following to your immediate attention:

Today, and just about Ramadan Eftar, Israeli occupying forces opened fire deliberately against our Palestinian people in the Shaborah neighbourhood of Rafah, occupied Palestine. The initial information available is that at least 4 Palestinians have been murdered and more than 50 have been injured, many of them seriously. This heinous massacre is a qualitative escalation of killing Palestinians by special Israeli undercover army units and other security forces in what amounts to summary execution. Since 9 December 1991, 18 additional Palestinians have been killed in this manner. This latest crime committed by Israel, the occupying Power, is adding fuel to an extremely explosive and dangerous situation in occupied Palestine.

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We reiterate that this massacre, as well as all illegal Israeli measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, are violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and relevant United Nations resolutions, especially Security Council resolutions. The security and safety of our Palestinian people living under Israeli occupation are in a great deal of danger.

We call upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to use his good offices and the mandate given to him under the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolutions to ensure the security and safety of our people under occupation.

We also call upon the Security Council of the United Nations to act upon its powers to implement its relevant resolutions and take all the necessary measures to force Israel, the occupying Power, to stop its crimes against our people immediately. It is high time for the Security Council to assume its responsibilities in providing the needed international protection for our people until the termination of Israeli occupation.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 35 and 74 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Riyad MANSOUR
Deputy Permanent Observer of
Palestine to the United Nations
Chargé d'affaires a.i.